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COLONEL ROBERT C. MCDOWELL Deputy Commanding Officer

Col. Robert C. McDowell graduated from Ball State University, Indiana in 1987. His initial assignments were as platoon leader, aide-de-camp and assistant G3 in the Corps Artillery; this period also included deployment as a platoon leader in Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield.

In 1993, he completed the Special Forces Qualification Course and has served as a detachment commander, assistant operations officer, headquarters company commander, Special Forces company commander, battalion S3 and executive officer, group executive officer, battalion commander, group deputy commanding officer and Commander, 1st Special Forces Group (Airborne), where he deployed to the Republic of the Philippines as the Commander, Joint Special Operations Task Force-Philippines.

He has deployed to numerous countries on multiple combat, contingency and training operations including Haiti, Bahrain, Egypt, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Korea, Australia, Afghanistan and the Philippines. He has deployed to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom with the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne)/Task Force Dagger initial-entry force and with the 3rd Special Forces Group (Airborne). Joint service includes duty at the U.S. Special Operations Command, MacDill Air Force Base, Fla., in the Joint Processes Division and as executive officer to the SOCOM J7/J8. Assignments at the U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School include Director of Training and Doctrine and Deputy Commanding Officer, 1st Special Warfare Training Group (Airborne).

Col. McDowell returned to Fort Bragg, N.C., in July 2014 to serve as the Deputy Commanding Officer, U.S. Army John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School, the Army's Special Operations Center of Excellence.

His military education includes the Artillery Basic Course, the Infantry Officer Advanced Course, United States Army Command and General Staff College and the Air War College.

His awards and decorations include the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, the Special Forces Tab, Ranger Tab, the Combat and Expert Infantryman Badges and Master Parachutist Badge.

Col. McDowell is married to the former Samantha Lewis from Gallion, Ala. They have one daughter, Leigh Ellen, a senior at Auburn University in Alabama.



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